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Honorable Francis E. Walter/ House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walter:

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I have your letter of January 8 calling my attention to an item appearing in the "Periscope" section of the 16 December 1957 issue of NEWSWEEK. The item states in part that:

Over epposition of the FBI and CIA, Walter recently got a visa into the United States for Erika Glaser, adopted daughter of American Noel Field * * *.

In responding to your request for comments on this item, I should like to state first that it is the practice and responsibility of this Agency to furnish any information in its files on visa applicants, without recommendation, to the appropriate agencies of Government including the FBI and the State Department. Secondly, in this particular case, such practice was followed and this Agency made no recommendation for or against the granting of a visa.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter will you please advise.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles Director

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1958

Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Your attention is invited to an item appearing in "The Periscope" section of the December 16, 1957 issue of Newsweek which reads as follows:

"House Office Building--Rep. Francis Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, may be accused of shooting holes in his own law when Congress reconvenes. Over opposition of the FBI and CIA, Walter recently got a visa into the U.S. for Erika Glaser, adopted daughter of American Noel Field, accused Soviet spy now in Hungary."

May I have your written comment for publication respecting this item?

Sincerely yours,

Francis E. Walter

Chairman

9 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Executive Officer, Office of the DCI

SUBJECT : Letter from Congressman Walter re Erika Glaser

1. The attached letter dated 8 Jane 1958 was sent by Mrs. Gwendolen Lewis, a Staff Officer on the HCUA via messenger to me. Mrs. Lewis then telephoned to advise the following background on this letter and asked that it be routed to the appropriate section of the Agency for reply.

- 2. Mrs. Lewis stated that Ralph de Toledano of NEWSWEEK covers Capitol Hill and is a close friend of Ben Mandel. Ben Mandel interviewed Erika Glaser overseas, however, during this interview he antagonized her and she did not divulge to him any information. Subsequently a staff member of the HCUA did interview Erika Glaser overseas with extremely cooperative results. Ralph de Toledano presumably at the instigation of Ben Mandel, is trying to embarrass Congressman Walter and make an issue of the Erika Glaser situation.
- 3. Mr. Arends of the HCUA has talked to Mr. De Loach of the FBI and in effect was advised that the FBI would be delighted to reply to a letter of this nature from Congressman Walter. It was intimated that the Bureau will reply to the effect that they merely furnished information but made no recommendation.
- 4. The HCUA is preparing a publication for issuance on this matter and desires to have a written comment from this Agency for enclosure in this publication.

Deputy Director of Security	

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